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SUBJECT: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO AFRICA: GUYANESE CONCERNS
TO BE RAISED WITL SECRETARY BY NYERERE

1. WHILE WE WERE DISCUSSING OTHER MATTERS MARCH 31, FONMIN FRED WILLS SAID HE HAD SENT GOG HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LUSAKA, CEDRIC GRANT, TO SEE JULIUS NYERERE IN ORDER TO ASK LATTER TO RAISE CERTAIN MATTERS OF INTEREST TO GUYANA IN COURSE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S UPCOMING VISIT TO DARESSALAAM.

2. WILLS SAID HE FIRST SUGGESTED THAT NYERERE DESCRIBE TO DR. KISSINGER HIS CONCEPT OF WHAT WOULD BE A VIABLE POLICY FOR THE USG VIS-A-VIS SOUTHERN AFRICA, HAVING IN MIND PRESUMED USG STRATEGIC INTERESTS IN THE AREA, I.E. MAINTENANCE OF FREEDOM OF SEAS IN FACE OF SOVIET ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH NAVAL HEGEMONY AND ACCESS TO STRATEGIC MINERAL RESOURCES IN REGION. (COMMENT: INFERENCE WAS THAT WILLS WOULD EXPECT NYERERE TO TAKE SAME LINE AS GUYANESE LEADERS IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND PRIVATE TALKS WITH USG OFFICIALS, I.E. THAT UNLESS USG TAKES POSITIVE CONCRETE STEPS TO BACK LIBERATION

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FORCES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, WE WILL BE FACED WITH INCREASING HOSTILITY NOT ONLY AMONG AFRICANS BUT IN ENTIRE THIRD WORLD AND

EVEN AMONG TRADITIONAL ALLIES.)

3. WILLS SAID HE HAD ALSO ASKED NYERERE TO INTERCEDE WITH SECRETARY TO GET HIM TO AGREE NOT TO ENGAGE IN EFFORTS TO QUOTE DESTABILIZE UNQUOTE GUYANA BECAUSE OF ITS GROWING COOPERATION WITH CUBA, AND TO DETER BRAZILIANS AND VENEZUELANS FROM SUCH EFFORTS.

4. I CONFINED MY REACTION TO THESE STATEMENTS TO OBSERVING THAT SECRETARY'S AFRICAN TRIP WAS DESIGNED TO EXPLORE, INTER ALIA, POSSIBILITIES FOR REACHING SOLUTION OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA PROBLEMS BY MEANS OTHER THAN RESORT TO FORCE.

5. COMMENT: I BELIEVE WILLS PROBABLY PASSED THIS ON TO ME JUST IN CASE NYERERE FINDS IT CONVENIENT TO QUOTE FORGET UNQUOTE ABOUT GUYANA'S CONCERNS WHEN TIME COMES TO SIT DOWN WITH SECRETARY.
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